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THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA: PROCEDURES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIRM AND LASTING PEACE AND PROGRESS IN FASHIONING A REGION OF PEACE, FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT

Colombia, Mexico, Spain, United States of America and Venezuela: draft resolution

United Nations Office of Verification in El Salvador

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions on the situation in Central America, in particular resolution 50/7 of 31 October 1995, in which it, inter alia, approved the proposal of the Secretary-General to extend the mandate of the Mission of the United Nations in El Salvador for a further period of six months and requested the Secretary-General to report on its implementation,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General of 23 April 1996 on the United Nations Mission in El Salvador, 1/ and the letter from the Government of El Salvador and the Frente Farabundo Martí para la Liberación Nacional to the Secretary-General dated 23 April 1996, 2/

Recognizing with satisfaction the continuing evolution of El Salvador from a country torn by conflict into a democratic and peaceful nation,

Paying tribute to those Member States which have contributed personnel and voluntary funding to the Mission,

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1/ A/50/935.

2/ A/50/948, annex.

1. Welcomes the continuing commitment of the Government and people of El Salvador to the consolidation of the peace process;

2. Pays tribute to the accomplishments of the Mission of the United Nations in El Salvador, under the authority of the Secretary-General and his Special Representative;

3. Recognizes the political commitment of the Government of El Salvador and the other parties to the peace accords to continue to comply with their provisions, and urges them to work together to complete their implementation without delay;

4. Decides, in accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 36 of the report of the Secretary-General of 23 April 1996, to establish a small United Nations Office of Verification, to be headed by an official at an appropriate political level, to follow up implementation of pending aspects of the peace accords in El Salvador through 31 December 1996;

5. Also decides that the United Nations Office of Verification should be financed within existing resources, in a manner consistent with the effective fulfilment of its mandate and taking into account that the Secretary-General will submit proposals on possible means of absorption in the programme budget for the biennium 1996-1997 to the General Assembly, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, no later than 15 May 1996;

6. Notes that regular visits to El Salvador by senior officials from United Nations Headquarters are making a significant contribution towards the full implementation of the peace accords;

7. Emphasizes the importance of a continued and enhanced cooperation of the United Nations Office of Verification with other bodies of the United Nations system in the consolidation of the peace accords;

8. Calls upon Member States and international institutions to continue to provide assistance to the Government and people of El Salvador and to lend support to the efforts of the United Nations in El Salvador for the purposes of peace-building and development;

9. Requests the Secretary-General to report to it on the implementation of the present resolution.